

Documents required for **FAMILY REASONS visa**

for foreign spouses of EU, EEA, or Swiss citizens
who plan to relocate to Italy permanently.

All documents must be submitted in **English, French, or Italian**
and provided as **physical hard copies**.

Screenshots or screen-grab prints are not accepted.

Documents stored on USB drives, mobile phones, or laptops will not be accepted.

☛ All the forms listed below are available on the **Visa Forms** webpage ([click here](#))

1. **D-type application form** for Italian National/long stay (for 91 ++ days).
2. Your **passport** or travel document must be valid for at least three (3) months beyond the visa expiry date. Please provide the original document along with photocopies of the first two (2) pages. The passport or travel document must also contain at least two (2) blank pages for the visa and entry/exit stamps from customs authorities.
3. One recent **passport-size colour photograph**, taken within six (6) months prior to the application, measuring 35 mm x 40 mm. The photograph must show a full-face view against a light-colored background. The face must be properly centered and captured from a frontal position, with both sides clearly visible. Posed or angled photographs (e.g., looking over one shoulder or with the head tilted/bowed) are not permitted. The head must be uncovered, with no hats, scarves, headbands, or other decorative accessories.
4. For non-Canadian citizens: valid **Canadian Permanent Resident Card (original and photocopy)** or a **valid long-term Canadian residence permit (original and photocopy)** issued for work or study purposes. Alternatively, a visitor record may be submitted, where applicable (e.g., for religious purposes, minors, and/or accompanying parent/s).
5. A valid provincially issued **photo identification card (original and photocopy)**, such as a driver's license, services card, health care card, or other government-issued identity card. The identification must be issued within our consular jurisdiction, which includes Alberta (AB), British Columbia (BC), Saskatchewan (SK), and Yukon (YT).
6. In order to facilitate the appropriate visa parameters: a **personalized one-way flight ticket to Italy**, or other proof of intended transport. The ticket must reflect the Applicant's **LEGAL name**, exactly as it appears in the passport (nicknames are not accepted). As an alternative, the Applicant may submit a personalized flight reservation, booking confirmation, or detailed flight itinerary **issued by a reputable travel agency for visa application purposes**. This alternative documentation must also display the Applicant's **LEGAL name** as shown in the passport.

7. A copy of the valid passport of the applicant's EU, EEA, or Swiss citizen spouse.
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 - A) If the applicant is the spouse of an Italian citizen, a printed confirmation that the marriage is registered with the Italian Comune.
 - B) If the applicant is the spouse of another EU, EEA, or Swiss citizen, the marriage certificate must be translated into Italian and either *Apostilled* by the country of issuance or *legalized* by the appropriate Italian consular office abroad, as applicable. Please **click here** for further guidance on the *Apostille* or *legalization* processes, as referenced in the footnotes on the linked webpage.
9. A hand-signed, free-form self-declaration by the applicant's spouse confirming the permanent relocation to Italy with the accompanying family member(s) as of a specified date.
10. An **F12a** invitation letter from an Italy-based host confirming that accommodation will be provided to the applicant in Italy (from *Visa Forms* webpage; the Italian host has to email such a letter of invitation from Italy in advance copy to this Visa Office at visa.vancouver@esteri.it for **BC** or **YT** applicants, or to visa.edmonton@esteri.it for **AB** or **SK** applicants)
11. The visa will be issued free of charge.

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